



BRIGHTON STEINER SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

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“It is good people who make good places”

Dear All

It is with great pleasure that we announce the launch of the new school website this weekend after over a year pulling it all together.

The best thing about this website is that many, many people worked together throughout the school community to get the job done between their jobs and child care and all manner of other commitments in their lives. We heartily thank everybody involved- you all know who you are- too many to list here!

There is still lots of work to do and more sections to add. Do have a click around and give us some feedback via the contact form so that we can take on board anything good or bad.

www.brightonsteinerschool.org.uk is the web address.

With warmest wishes
The Website Team.

The screenshot shows the Brighton Steiner School website. At the top is a navigation bar with the school's name and links: Home, Why Our School?, A Child's Journey, Admissions, and Our School. The main content area has a teal background. On the left is a photo of the school building. To the right of the photo is the heading 'OUR SCHOOL' followed by a paragraph about the school's founding in 1984 and its commitment to Steiner education. Below this is a quote from the Schools Inspection Service, enclosed in a white box with a quote icon. At the bottom of the page is a section titled 'A CHILD'S JOURNEY' with a subtitle about the focus of Steiner Waldorf education.

BRIGHTON STEINER SCHOOL Home Why Our School? A Child's Journey Admissions Our School 🔍

OUR SCHOOL

Brighton Steiner School, founded in 1984, is an independent co-educational school for children aged 3 to 16.

Based on the insights into child development by the Austrian scientist and philosopher Dr. Rudolf Steiner, we provide a proven and established alternative to mainstream education as well as offering GCSEs to our Upper School students.

“
This school makes outstanding provision in meeting the needs of the range of children who attend.
The outcomes for children are excellent.
”

Schools Inspection Service

A CHILD'S JOURNEY

The focus of Steiner Waldorf education is to educate the

PTA News

School Calendars (and Photos) For Sale

Only a handful left of these beautifully crafted 2015 calendars. Only £8 each (cost price). The calendar includes all term dates, colour coded festivals and community participation days like Community Work Days, Open Days, Fun Fundraising Events.

Run like crazy and then form an orderly queue at the following locations before they're all gone:

- Hawk supplies (next to reception)
- The School Reception desk. Jake will also throw in a free set of steak (or Quorn) knives! No I won't! - ed

But wait! That's not all!

The lovely unstaged photographs in the calendar are also available for £5 each. All taken over the course of 2014 by professional photographer

Lisa Muzzolini - Louie's Mum in Carrie's Kindergarten. To purchase please email thebrightonsteinerschoolpta@outlook.com

All orders need to be in by the 13th March. That's only two weeks away people!

THE
BRIGHTON
STEINER SCHOOL

PTA



The Ides of March

The 1st Annual General Meeting of the PTA will be on the evening of the 16th March (time TBC). OK it's not quite the Ides of March but near enough! And it's doubly fitting as this is when the current PTA committee relinquish their positions and we vote in new committee members. A bit like the assassination of Julius Caesar only with less blood!

It's the perfect time for you to come along and find out more about the PTA and how you can get involved. You don't need to be voted in as a committee member to take part. You can just turn up and meet people and maybe even volunteer a little. We'll probably have wine and cheese! Or at the very least, tea, biscuits and scintillating discussion.

Volunteers and Generally Mucking In

Recently we put out a call for a graphic designer to help the PTA create some lovely new communication materials. Laura Morales, Mila's Mum from Rosie's playgroup, stepped up the plate. Thanks Laura!

There's loads of fundraising projects on the horizon that you can get involved with. As part of the course you get to meet other parents and teachers and gain a deeper insight into the school.

We're currently really keen for:

- Volunteers needed for the school work day this Saturday. Helping to prep food and serve the hungry community of workers at lunchtime
- Anyone within our community that works in Barclays Bank.
- Caterers or would be caterers
- 1st aiders

Get in touch! Email us at thebrightonsteinerschoolpta@outlook.com

The PTA in the Community

The PTA recently received a grant from the Whitehawk Association to buy a bell tent. We'll be taking the tent to local festivals to introduce people to the Brighton Steiner School. We'll be at the Whitehawk Festival in July, The Apple Festival in Stanmer Park in September and Seedy Sunday in February. More details on this will follow in the coming months.

Let Us Know What You Think

The PTA would like to hear from you, so if you have any ideas, suggestions, or comments - positive and negative!

Please send us an email:

thebrightonsteinerschoolpta@outlook.com

Without your input we won't know if we are getting it right or wrong!

And watch this space for more news and events!

Kind Regards,

Patrick Donohoe (Hugo's Dad in Carrie's Kindergarten) on behalf of the PTA.

Open Day - Saturday 7th March

You are all welcome to come and see how other classes are working!

Please note:

- We have **posters and flyers** at reception for posting up / distributing
- **Deep-cleans** of classrooms need to be undertaken next week

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 th Feb	-	Community Work Day
7 th March	-	Open Day
16 th March	-	PTA AGM
20 th March	-	The Cabin
25 th April	-	Sponsored Walk

LOCAL host families urgently needed for this Summer term.

The Upper School provides the opportunity for visiting students from other European Steiner schools to be a part of our school community, where they join classes 9 or 10 for lessons, make new friends and improve their English.

During this time the students need a host family to provide a warm and welcoming family base.

Host families are expected to provide a room, meals and a positive family experience.

The host family and the family of the visiting student would correspond to make financial arrangements, ground rules etc. Usually the rate of payment is £150 per week.

If you are interested in hosting please contact Sarah Starky on 01273 386300 ext 206 or sarah.starky@brightonsteinerschool.org.uk for more information.

There is no access through the Hall during school hours.
Please use an alternative route. Thank you

It has been observed that parents and carers are parking on double yellow lines and zigzag lines in front of the school.

Some drivers of oncoming cars then need to enter the opposite side of the road to overtake the illegally parked cars.

This is endangering pedestrians who wish to cross with the Crossing Patrol Officer.

- Please consider other children and adults crossing the road
- Please look for a more suitable pick up / drop off point.
- Ensure no Taxi double parks outside the school

Thank you

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

If you suspect that your child or children may have contracted a contagious disease, please inform reception immediately.

Currently we have one pupil whose medical treatment leaves them very susceptible to contracting these diseases; measles and chicken pox are especially dangerous.

Thank you for your consideration.

The AGM of the Brighton Steiner School will be on the evening of Thursday 12 March in the main hall

The PTA AGM will be held on Monday 16th March – All welcome!

Classroom cleaning

Every class should have in place a parent cleaning rota.

Rotas may differ from class to class but essentially the areas needing cleaning are the same:

- dusting surfaces
- sweeping / hoovering floors to classroom and cloakroom
- hoovering chalk dust off blackboard shelf
- tidying up coats and shoes
- washing up
- cleaning the sink
- mopping the floor

Please make every effort to remember your turn.

Many thanks

Host family is ALSO needed for a visiting German student coming on work experience in one of the kindergartens.

The approx timing for this is:

8th June – 10th July

Please contact Annette if you are interested and want more information on

annette.devitt@brightonsteinerschool.org.uk

Thanks

Request for updates on Medical Information and Emergency Contacts

We are currently updating our data base and request that if you have not already done so, please fill in the medical info and emergency contact update form.

Hard copies can be collected from Reception.

Should you want a form emailed directly to you please contact me on

annette.devitt@brightonsteinerschool.org.uk

Many thanks, Annette Devitt

If you are interested in doing a shift at the School Shop please contact Lesley on 07751172324. Volunteers not only support this fundraiser for the school but get to play shops and receive a 10% discount on our already cheap prices!

LOST PROPERTY

The 3 lost property baskets are spilling over - please do check them.

There have been 2 child seats left in the entrance to the school - could the owners please claim them

WHALEFEST 14-15 March see www.whale-fest.com

SMALL GLASS JARS WANTED (washed, without labels).

Please leave in box under bench by front door by Monday 2nd March.

Whale fest volunteers are making a giant sculpture of an orca on beach in front of brighton centre; the jars are needed to hold candles.
Come to this family event!

Community Choir

The Community Choir practise every Tuesday
7.30 – 9pm.

All welcome.

Contact Katrin Heymann at
katrin.flute@gmail.com for details.

~THE CABIN~

The Brighton Steiner School's very own onsite venue producing an evening of acoustic entertainment once a month to raise funds for the school. Have you been yet?!

Open to anyone wishing to perform in an 'open-mic' style in the company of a warm, supportive crowd.

The second half will feature a different artist every month, bringing their wonderful talents to our school for free!

Doors 7.30 ~ Tickets £4 (on the door only)

PARENTS!

Please **do not** allow your child to throw stones/sticks/leaves into the Flow-Form (Rose Garden water feature).
Many thanks, Annette.

Pedestrian Safety

- Please do not park on the yellow or zigzag lines outside the school.
- Please do not park at the school gates.

Thank you

REMINDER!!

Please do not use your mobile phone on School premises. Many thanks. College

NoticeBoard

Brighton Steiner School does not necessarily endorse the courses or adverts included in the newsletter.

Visiting Students

Au Pair:

My name is Jule Luisa Bender and I am 18 years old. I live in Germany and attend the last class of the Freie-Waldorfschule Haan-Gruiten.

I would like to work as an au pair in England for the summer of 2015. I have some experiences with children because I have two brothers and one sister. I have different families where I babysit and I did my social internship two years ago in Carries Kindergarten. In my free time I like to play the guitar, sports and photography.

Please email me if you need an au pair or if you know any family that needs one. Thank you.

Jule.Luisa@gmx.de

My name is Grace Pambu Pesa and I am 16. I live in Switzerland and am currently in year 9. I would like to work as an Au Pair in July and August. I am very patient with children and often baby-sit my neighbours 5 year old child, creating various activities to keep them entertained!

For further details please contact me, Grace Pambu Pesa at nyotapambu@yahoo.fr or my linguistic exchange teacher Christine Racine 024 441 49 72 / 079 935 38 31

My name is Theresa and currently I'm a student at the Steiner school in Frankfurt, Germany.

In June I will finish my school career with my Abitur (A-levels). After this, I want to spent a year as an Au-Pair in the UK.

I thought about ways how I could find my perfect family. At my school I often see postings from students who want to come as an au-pair to Germany, or from around the world.

Are there are families who need an au-pair? I look forward hearing from you.

Theresa Mülverstedt

theresa-muelverstedt@web.de

Families Wanted

We are an Italian - German Family living in a small town nearby Munich. We have a daughter (12) and a son (9).

Since our daughter attends a Steiner School in Germany, we would like to get in touch with English families with children for a cultural exchange.

If interested please contact Simona Collin, e-mail: s.collin@hotmail.de

Wanted

House to Rent

We are a family of 4 with two children at the Brighton Steiner School and we are desperately looking for a 2-3 bed house or ground floor flat for a short period of between 3 to 6 months from mid-end of February.

We are in the process of buying a house and waiting for the chain to resolve. We are clean living, non-smoking and also own a well behaved and clean cat!

We are happy with furnished or unfurnished but with a minimum of kitchen fittings and heating.

Our budget is around £1200/month.

We can provide a good reference from our current landlord.

Please contact Bruce - 07958596793 - jacksonbruce@mac.com or

Julie - 07961054245 - j.m.g.delwarde@gmil.com

Home to rent

We're looking for home to rent. A large one bed or even a two bed. Something on a ground floor or with lift access (or as few stairs as possible) and the absolute best would be to have a little outside space to grow strawberries and flowers. We need to move out by 28 March (Easter Holidays) or we could take a holiday and move in when term starts. We are great tenants, come with good references and all that. If you know of something suitable please contact Charlotte on 07769413090.

Many thanks

Charlotte & Eli (Sally's Kindergarten)

Accommodation Needed

Part time Steiner School Teacher needs accommodation for Monday nights. Please call Sam - 07518296129

Living

Prenatal Yoga Class @ Rottingdean Village Hall, Saturday's from 9.45-10.45. Please call Bee for more details and to book your space 07880898094

Homeopathy at Rock Clinic

270 Eastern Road. Maggie O'Riordan RSHom.

Appointments 07793200959; www.homeopathyinbrighton.co.uk

Email: Maggie@homeopathyinbrighton.co.uk

Concessionary rates available

Scenar Therapy - A non-invasive biofeedback device to help the body self regulate.

Do you or your children suffer from any of the following?

- Stress
- Anxiety
- Sleep problems
- IBS
- Pain
- Depression
- Fatigue

Available for adults and children.

For more information please contact Jake Thompson (School Reception) - 07517697499

CREATIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY with Lisa Douglas MA, BA (Hons)

Dramatherapy - Creativity is the key to communication and change.

Therapy is often about talking our problems through. Dramatherapy offers something different and unique: the chance to explore challenging feelings that may be holding us back in our lives and relationships, in creative and dynamic ways.

It is a intended safe form of reality where we can begin to make experiments and rehearse change.

Tel: 07799 738449

Email: dramatherapy1@talktalk.net

Web: dramatherapy.yolasite.com

"You have this amazing natural ability to 'hold' the therapy and make me feel safe. You are so gentle, yet you challenged me to work with my inner negative perceptions in a concrete and productive way, thank you so much..."

Classical trained and very experienced flute and recorder teacher gives lessons near the school.

For further details please contact Katrin Heymann on 01273 622338 or email katrin.flute@gmail.com or visit www.musicteachers.co.uk

Child Minder

I am an ex Steiner school pupil and am currently studying Sociology at the University of Sussex.

I'm 20 years old and am an experienced child-minder. If anyone needs any part time child-minding please contact me at faith.rtd@live.co.uk

For Hire

I have a Luton Van with tail lift and I'm available to do jobs like removals, rubbish clearance, deliveries etc.
Please call Kerry – 07947996406

Fitness Fridays. 10-11am Happy Valley Park, Woodingdean.
Bootcamp class – all fitness levels. £5

Mums on the run. 9am – 9.45am, meet at the entrance of East Brighton Park.
Fitness class for Mums with or without kids in buggies.
Beginners welcome. £5

For more info call Lisa 07790 538 958

Former Steiner Parent has an allotment at Roedale Valley. It is long and flat and I have had it for 16 years.
I would welcome someone to share it, as it is too big for me now.
I have paid up to Oct - so no cost.

If interested please call Kate Statham on 01273 607490 or 07812949875

Cat Sitter Wanted for 4th – 12th April (or part thereof).
1 bed garden flat 10 mins from school, sea views. Old cat, easy going, likes a cuddle.
Contact Jane Addey – 01273 692 304